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## WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH IT?

If you think there is anything the matter with your watch, let us take a look at it. Do not let it go on ticking itself to destruction. A few particles of dust will, in a week, do more damage than the ordinary wear and tear of a year's keeping time. Every watch is worth taking care of, and we guarantee the finest class of work for the least money in all kinds of repairing.

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## The Hutcheson Co., Ltd.

VICTORIA'S POPULAR STORE, 20th JANUARY, 1900.

### JANUARY CHEAP SALE OF KID GLOVES AND HOSIERY AT THE WESTSIDE.

#### SPECIAL SALE OF KID GLOVES TO-DAY.

50 dozen Fine Kid Gloves, regular \$4.00. Sale price \$1.00.

75 dozen Ladies' Best Kid Gloves, regular \$2.00. Sale price \$1.15.

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**LADIES' CASHMERE HOSE** 100 dozen Ladies' fast Black Cashmere Hose, full fashioned, spiced ankles, elastic make, regular 50 cents a pair. Sale price 35c a pair, 3 pairs for \$1.00.

#### LAST DAY OF LADIES' WHITEWEAR SALE

Bargains in Sheetings, Cottons, Towels, Curtains, Etc., at The Westside.

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Of our square-dealing-giving honest goods at the lowest prices—are to be found everywhere. The advantage to be derived from buying of us is clearly perceived when you discover the difference in price and quality that distinguishes our goods from others.

Roller Oats, 7 lb. sack.....25c  
Roller Oats, 22 lb. sack.....55c  
Roller Oats, 45 lb. sack.....\$1.05  
Quaker Oats, 20 lb. sack.....2.00  
Quaker Oats, 2 pkgs.....25c  
Fresh Eggs.....30c. dozen  
Morgan's Eastern Oysters, 75c tin

**Dixie H. Ross & Co.**

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Another year—a new beginning. We greet you at this season, wishing you great benefit from the year to come. If your name has not been on our roll of friends we want to put it there now. If you have granted us your patronage in the past we want to hold your friendship by giving you increased values.

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50 lbs. sacks, 25c per doz. 100 lbs. sacks 50 cts. per doz., either full or cotton. At

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Coal Mined by White Labor.

## New Wellington Coal

Washed Nuts, \$4.25 per ton

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Delivered to any part of the city.

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## TWO CHEAP COTTAGES

On Labouchere St Off Vancouver St

EASY TERMS.

No. 6 at \$600

APPLY 40 GOVERNMENT STREET. No. 8 at \$700

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Lot and small house, for.....\$ 300  
Lot and 5 roomed cottage, bath, etc. 800  
2 story house and lot, 7 rooms, only 900  
5 roomed cottage, near Government Buildings 1,000  
Cor. lot with two cottages, a barn and 1,500  
New cottage, 5 rooms, brick foundation, cheap 1,400  
6 roomed cottage, large lot, stable, etc., only 2,000  
Two story house and large lot, Fort Street, must be sold 2,100  
Several very cheap building lots for sale at..... 100  
A number of good cottages to let, from 50c to 1.00 per week. If you will pay you to inspect my list before buying.

**P. C. MACGREGOR.**

Tel. 604. 92 GOVERNMENT ST.

### Bargains in Real Estate.

Are you looking for bargains in real estate, either improved or unimproved? If so, we have what will suit you. Inspect our list of properties for sale before purchasing. It will pay you to do so. Do you want to borrow money? If so, we have plenty to loan at low rates of interest. We are general agents for the old reliable Phoenix of Hartford Fire Insurance Co. If you have any business in our line we will pay you to inspect my list before buying. F. G. RICHARDS & CO. NO. 15 BROAD STREET. TELEPHONE 143.

### WE ARE SELLING

A Great Quantity of

### London Hospital Cough Cure

It is the recognized specific for throat and lung troubles.

50cts. per Bottle.

**JOHN COCHRANE,**

N.W. Corner of Yates and Douglas Streets.

### That Cough

Can be quickly cured by taking

**Pulmonic Cough Cure**

Clarence Block, Corner of Yates and Douglas Sts.

**HALL & CO.,**

Dispensing Chemists

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of the Brand of

Cigarettes that are

**Better Than The Best**

MANUFACTURED BY

**B. HOUDE & CO.,**

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### REMUS

2,635 Tons Register.

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Leave London, Feb. 10, 1900

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For rates of freight apply to

**R. P. RITHE & CO.**

### LEE & FRASER.

One acre, Oak Bay avenue, beautiful building site.....\$1,150

Two lots on Hudson Avenue, east end, with back entrance, full sized, for \$800, will sell for.....450

East Joan Avenue, two lots, assessed for \$800, will sell for.....450

Stanley Avenue, large corner lot, Belleville Street, beautiful building lot for.....300

Two modern dwellings near centre of city, two stories each, hot and cold water, sewer connections, both in splendid repair and rented to good tenants at commensurate prices.....4,200

Seven roomed 2 story house and 7 lots, price only.....3,500

Largest ever built 2 story 2 story house, hot and cold water, full sized lot, young orchard.....1,250

Fernwood road, 3 roomed house and two lots, price.....1,800

(Terms, \$100 cash, balance for first two years without interest, remainder \$15 per month and 6 per cent.)

Fernwood road, 1 roomed cottage for \$200

Seaside, 9 miles from city, 20 acres cleared and fenced, with small house and barn, also good well.....1,500

Cowichan, splendid chicken ranch, 25 acres good land, 10 acres cleared, all fenced, 7 roomed house, barn, stable, chicken houses, breeding pens, few fruit trees, price only.....1,500

Cedar Hill road, 3 1/2 acres cleared land, all fenced, 7 roomed house, barn, stable, etc., very terms.....1,200

**Fire, Life and Accident Insurance**

9 AND 11 TROUCE AVE.

## Maconochie's

## English Pickles

## Chow Chow Mixed Assorted

HIGH CLASS GOODS AT A VERY MODEST PRICE.

## Hudson's Bay Co.

## Golf Goods and Footballs

A Large Assorted Stock at

**John Barnsley & Co.,**

115 GOVERNMENT ST.

## The Fight For Ladysmith

**British Relief Column is Moving Steadily Towards the Garrison.****General Warren Has Commenced to Bombard the Burghers' Entrenchments.****Boer Losses During the War Estimated at Over Six Thousand**

(Associated Press.)

London, Jan. 20.—Telegrams from the front indicate that the northward march of the relief column—moving towards Ladysmith—is proceeding steadily.

The authorities here seem satisfied that now that Gen. Buller's forces are within sight of Ladysmith, the besieged place is safe at present from serious attack.

No news of real importance had been made public up to 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, and there was nothing to show that the general engagement so frequently rumored, had commenced, though obviously news of such a battle was momentarily expected.

**Big Fight Expected To-Day.**

The Leader's military expert says to-day: "A big fight for the western roads leading to Ladysmith will take place to-day, though it may have even begun yesterday. All the artillery of Generals Warren and Buller's were not across the drifts yesterday morning, and the ammunition train and most of the heavier guns were probably then still south of the Tugela. These indications, as well as Gen. Warren's longer march, point to the serious effort being made to-day."

**Press Censor.**

Advices from Capetown say Field Marshal Lord Roberts had appointed Lord Stanley, member of parliament for

## HASTIE'S FAIR

FOR WARE, GLASS, AGATE, CHOCOLATE

Stationery and Confectionery At the Bottom.

## Wreck "Hera."

**SEALED TENDERS**

Will be received by the undersigned up to January 21st, for the wrecked schooner "Hera," cargo, as she now lies submerged in Clayoquot Harbor. Original manifest and diver's report can be seen on application at our office, Truncheon Avenue. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

**The Colthbert-Brown Company, Limited**

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9 AND 11 TROUCE AVE.

Southeast Lancashire, and a former lieutenant of the Grenadier Guards, to be press censor.

Prince Francis of Teck has gone to the front.

**French's Movements.**

London, Jan. 20.—3:25 p.m.—The only war office dispatch made public up to this hour to-day is a brief report from Field Marshal Lord Roberts, under today's date, saying in substance, that Gen. French has extended his line to the east, further threatening the Boer lines of communication.

**MOVING TOWARDS LADYSMITH.****Heavy Fighting Reported—Warren is Now Bombarding the Boers' Position.**

London, Jan. 20.—A special dispatch from Capetown, dated Friday, January 19th, 1 p.m., says: "The Ladysmith force is steadily working northward. Heavy fighting occurred yesterday. The Boers are retreating."

**Spearman's Camp, Natal, Jan. 20.**

11:15 a.m.—The firing of field guns was heard early this morning from the left. It is evident that Gen. Warren has commenced the bombardment of the Boer trenches on Labanyanam mountain.

**There was also a brief musketry fire.**

Among the prisoners captured was a grandson-in-law of President Kruger.

**BOER CASUALTIES**

Since the beginning of the war Exceed Six Thousand.

**Rensburg, Cape Colony, Jan. 19.**

The Boer force at Rensburg is estimated to number from 6,000 to 7,000, besides a strong force at Norval's Pont.

The British shells did much execution eastward of the town. The Boers' loss up to date is probably 200 men.

Carefully compiled figures from Republican sources, some of which has been found to be correct, show the Boer losses up to date are approximately 6,425 men, including 2,000 casualties during the siege of Ladysmith.

**DEPARTURE OF VOLUNTEERS.**

Scenes of Enthusiasm Mark the Entrainment of London's Citizen Soldiers.

London, Jan. 20.—The departure of the second detachment of the London volunteers for South Africa led to a repetition to the scenes of enthusiasm of last Saturday, along the whole route from Wellington barracks to Nine Elms station.

The Londoners commenced assembling before daybreak, headed by several bands, and the volunteers, numbering 700 men, left the barracks at 7:45, marching in four. For a time the people contented themselves with cheering as the column advanced in good order, until it reached Great George Street, where friends, wives and sweethearts of the men joined them, and marched arm in arm. Thus in midst of constantly increasing enthusiasm, the volunteers finally reached the station at 9:30, where the Duke of Connaught, the Lord Mayor, sheriffs, and other military and civic dignitaries had assembled.

The volunteers were rapidly entrained for Southampton, and went away to the strains of "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the Queen."

Large crowds met the volunteers at Southampton, and gave them a rousing send-off as they embarked on the transport Ariosto, Kinfaun Castle and Gael.

The result of a Quarrel.

New York, Jan. 20.—John Adams, a son of a London merchant and was born in that city in February, 1819. He was educated privately, then at Christ Church, Oxford. He began his career as a writer and art critic by publishing in 1840 a pamphlet defending Turner, afterwards enlarged into "Modern Painters." Since then and until five years ago he wrote and spoke continuously on art in all its branches. Oxford and Cambridge gave him their highest honors; he was appointed Rede lecturer at Cambridge in 1867, receiving the degree of LL.D. from the same university the same year; he was elected Slade professor of fine arts at Oxford in 1872, and again in 1883, an unprecedented honor, his inaugural lecture being delivered amidst unprecedented enthusiasm. No great were the throngs who sought to hear him lecture that Professor Ruskin undertook to deliver each lecture twice. In 1884 he resigned the post owing to failing health. For some years he had been living a very retired life at Brighthelm, Conisland, in the beautiful Lake district. Even a list of his works on art, architecture, conduct, etc., fills some pages of the British Museum catalogue. His intellectual influence has been enormous not only in the United Kingdom but in America and also in Europe. His literary style has scarcely a parallel in the language.

**MONTREAL ELECTIONS.**

(Associated Press.)

Montreal, Jan. 20.—Civil nominations took place at noon to-day. Mr. W. B. Dorr was nominated in opposition to Mayor Perreault. Mr. Dorr is running in the interest of Irish Roman Catholics. Fifteen aldermen were elected by acclamation, of whom the majority represent the reform element of the city.

**DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.**

(Associated Press.)

Bridgeport, Conn., Jan. 20 A fire at the Harmon & Bailey winter quarters last night destroyed eleven cars, causing a loss estimated at \$70,000. Among the cars destroyed were two Messers—The Buffalo full show buffet car, and Mr. Bailey's private car, which was formerly used by the late P. T. Barnum.

**A LONG TRIP.**

(Associated Press.)

Seattle, Jan. 20.—Advices from Dawson reported that United States mail carrier Holcomb has arrived at Eagle from Valdez, completing the first winter trip of 430 miles as carrier of government mail.

## B. C. Offer Accepted

**One Hundred Men to Be Sent to South Africa From This Province.****They Will Probably Travel on the McIntosh With Strathcona's Contingent.**

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Jan. 20.—The department of militia is at present in communication with the Elder-Dempster Steamship Co. in regard to the Strathcona contingent.

The Numidian of the Altan line is said to be too small to hold the necessary number of men and horses, while the McIntosh is a very much larger boat and could easily accommodate them.

Something also must be done with the British Columbia contingent. The province has offered to send one hundred men, outfitted and equipped and the cost paid as far as Halifax. The Dominion has accepted this, but has not yet been able to arrange for a transport. If accommodation cannot be had in the McIntosh, it is possible that the British Columbia men will be sent by the McIntosh.

It is not likely that Lord Strathcona would object. Meantime, an effort will be made to send them on the McIntosh.

**Command of Strathcona's Horse.**

Ottawa, Jan. 20.—The name of Lieut. Col. Steele is mentioned in connection with the command of Strathcona's Northwest contingent to South Africa.

**Western Squadron.**

(Associated Press.)

Montreal, Jan. 20.—The Western Squadron of the second contingent, mounted rifles, passed through the city at an early hour this morning and was accorded a royal send-off by the citizens.

**Preparing for the Troops.**

Halifax, N.S., Jan. 20.—The Lorientian is anchored in the stream opposite H.M. dockyard.

**Premier Seemingly up to the hour of going to press had received no formal notification of the acceptance of the offer of this government, although he stated to a Times man that the telegram which he read in the House last night left little doubt in his mind that the only matter which now stood in the way was that of transportation. That this matter is practically solved seems to be indicated by the foregoing dispatch.****JOHN RUSKIN DEAD.**

The Great English Apostle of Art Passes Away To-day.

London, Jan. 20.—John Ruskin died this afternoon of influenza. Deceased was 81 years of age.

John Ruskin, M.A., LL.D., was the son of a London merchant and was born in that city in February, 1819. He was educated privately, then at Christ Church, Oxford. He began his career as a writer and art critic by publishing in 1840 a pamphlet defending Turner, afterwards enlarged into "Modern Painters." Since then and until five years ago he wrote and spoke continuously on art in all its branches. Oxford and Cambridge gave him their highest honors; he was appointed Rede lecturer at Cambridge in 1867, receiving the degree of LL.D. from the same university the same year; he was elected Slade professor of fine arts at Oxford in 1872, and again in 1883, an unprecedented honor, his inaugural lecture being delivered amidst unprecedented enthusiasm. No great were the throngs who sought to hear him lecture that Professor Ruskin undertook to deliver each lecture twice. In 1884 he resigned the post owing to failing health. For some years he had been living a very retired life at Brighthelm, Conisland, in the beautiful Lake district. Even a list of his works on art, architecture, conduct, etc., fills some pages of the British Museum catalogue. His intellectual influence has been enormous not only in the United Kingdom but in America and also in Europe. His literary style has scarcely a parallel in the language.







## PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

(Continued from page 2)

Trail and for a line from Penticton to Midway. The then government brought down an act giving him 10,240 acres of land for the building of the narrow gauge line and 20,000 were intended to be given for the railway from Penticton to Midway that he proposed to build. In 1887 the government altered their intention regarding the land grant and then they proposed to give not only 20,000 acres, but also \$4,000 per mile for a railway from the Boundary to Penticton. When the matter was brought before the House an amendment that any railway that claimed a cash subsidy should forfeit the land grant was carried over the head of the government by a majority of five. Yet they say the present government has not the confidence of the House. They were beaten by a majority of five on a fair vote, and yet they did not resign, and it little benefits them now to ask control of the House. The present government has never yet been beaten on a question of policy. If their policy was not that of the House, they would accept defeat.

Members of the opposition had spoken of the government following in their steps in regard to the action of the House. To look back to their steps, he found that they had first objected to a railway that would have been built without aid from the province, and when a friend came they gave land and wanted to give him \$4,000 per mile. That was the policy of the late government. That is what the Columbia & Western would be receiving to-day had they still been in power. The "broad and statesman-like policy" that those now in opposition claimed to have been the policy of the late government, was to give away everything. The opposition claimed that the Nakusp & Shuswap had gone down since they had been out of power. They were themselves to blame for this. They had guaranteed the bonds of the line, and not content with this, they had given a land grant to a line of railway to come in and compete with it, and also given permission for another railway to run to the same place. Thus three railways were now competing for the trade of the Nakusp & Shuswap line, and it was therefore to be expected that the earnings of that line would go down. The opposition try to make out that the loss is due to the present mining difficulty, but look at the years 1888 and 1889. There was no trouble then. What caused the falling off then?

The member for South Victoria had said that the returns up to January, 1890, would show a great falling off in revenue. When in power they had said that it was not right to consider the returns to that time as from the light. That's what I call a subterfuge.

Mr. Turner—What is a subterfuge? Mr. Macpherson—Have you not at ways done this?

Mr. Turner—No. Continuing after the interruption, Mr. Macpherson said, so much for the "South member for Victoria." The member for Southeast Kootenay stated that the land grants had to be given as temptations to get the companies to build railways. Referring to the grant to the Crow's Nest Pass railway, now built, he said he could like to ask that member if the land grant the late government had offered to that company was given them as a temptation to build the road. To look back to 1888, the charter had been passed in 1888. In 1889 the then government had brought in a measure giving them 20,000 acres per mile. During the time that intervened between the granting of the charter and the giving of aid to the company, there was a company known as the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, which went up Elk River and purchased 10,000 acres of coal lands at the rate of \$1 per acre. If you look up the names of those who purchased the land there are these on the charter, two Turners and the gentleman who was then the member for that district. The name of the gentleman is not on the charter of the B. C. Southern. It is evident that when the land was purchased in 1889, a complete examination of the country had been made by the company of which this gentleman was a member.

Col. Baker then rose to reply to the speaker. He said: "I did not know the hon. member was alluding to me. If he had said the coal company purchased the coal lands at a dollar an acre after the charter had been granted, he was wrong."

Mr. Macpherson—All you have to do is to apply for the date. The crown grants were issued in 1889 and 1900. Col. Baker—There is nothing in that whatever.

Mr. Macpherson—What with that price for each coal land? Col. Baker—How. (Laughter.) Col. Baker—If Col. Baker will keep his seat I will go on and state as a fact that this coal company between the time the charter was granted to the B. C. Southern railway and that the land grant was given, the company composed of almost the same men who had got the charter went into the country and purchased 10,000 acres of coal lands at \$1 per acre. It was evident that in the interim between the passing of the charter and while awaiting a land grant they had made an examination and were going to make themselves secure of getting some of the most valuable coal lands of the world at \$1 per acre.

The member for Southeast Kootenay having become a member of the executive in the interim would of course use his best interests to offer a land grant as a temptation to get them to build the road.

There is a significant clause at the end of the agreement in reference to the grant of land to this line, which says that wherever along the line of railway the full quantity of land cannot be had, then that should be taken from along the east side of the Elk River, inside certain boundaries which take in all the best coal lands in Southeast Kootenay.

He said that the province should be thankful that the Dominion government had taken this matter out of their hands. They had seemingly seen the mistake

that had been made and had endeavored to do something in relief. They have held 10,000 acres of the coal lands, and placed a restriction on the company as to the cost of coal, that it shall be \$2 per ton. They have also gained control of the line so that other railways may run over it, which the late government would never have done. The people of British Columbia may think the Dominion government for stepping in.

The policy of the late government had been that of giving away. To look again to the coal lands of the Crow's Nest Pass. In 1885 a section of coal lands had been sold by the Dominion government to the east of the Rockies; lands that will be twice as expensive to work as that of the C. P. N., where there is no need to sink shafts, as the coal can be mined from the face of the precipices. These lands were not worth half those of the C. P. N., yet they were sold under the hammer for \$70 per acre. (Applause.)

He thought it was too bad that British Columbia will have no coal lands of her own, and wished that the land had been placed in trust to, as the former speaker had suggested, produce revenue for education, or even public works. Had this been done British Columbia would be in the position of the wealthiest province in the world, for what the government would have easily run to \$500,000,000.

It was indeed time that these gentlemen who made such abuse of the power the people had given them, had been turned out from office. Col. Baker, I suppose, will say that the government will get in royalties at the rate of \$2 per cent per ton. People will not be deceived by this. All the miners will receive 60 cents per ton for working the coal, and at that they will have to provide their own ammunition. This is the same way that they will still be in power. The "broad and statesman-like policy" that those now in opposition claimed to have been the policy of the late government, was to give away everything. The opposition claimed that the Nakusp & Shuswap had gone down since they had been out of power. They were themselves to blame for this. They had guaranteed the bonds of the line, and not content with this, they had given a land grant to a line of railway to come in and compete with it, and also given permission for another railway to run to the same place. Thus three railways were now competing for the trade of the Nakusp & Shuswap line, and it was therefore to be expected that the earnings of that line would go down. The opposition try to make out that the loss is due to the present mining difficulty, but look at the years 1888 and 1889. There was no trouble then. What caused the falling off then?

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There is a significant clause at the end of the agreement in reference to the grant of land to this line, which says that wherever along the line of railway the full quantity of land cannot be had, then that should be taken from along the east side of the Elk River, inside certain boundaries which take in all the best coal lands in Southeast Kootenay.

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## Educational Report

## Premier Selin Submits the Details of Work in That Department.

## Large Increase in the Number of Pupils—How the Victoria Schools Rank.

The twenty-eighth annual report of the Minister of Education, Hon. Charles Selin, was submitted to the House a day or two since.

The number of pupils enrolled during the year was 10,185, an increase of 1,537 over that of the previous year, while the average actual daily attendance was 12,304.32. The percentage of average daily attendance for the year was 4.2467. During the year there were 280 schools in operation, an increase of 10. These schools were constituted as follows: High schools, 4; graded schools, 32; common schools, 244. The total number of teachers and monitors employed was 461, an increase of 20 over the number employed in 1898. In Vancouver, 22 in New Westminster, 64 in Vancouver, and 50 in Victoria. There were 216 engaged in the rural schools, and of the latter number 35 were monitors.

The percentage of average daily attendance was 64.13, the highest since the establishment of the present school system in 1872.

The expenditure for education proper during the year was:

Teachers' Salaries	\$184,337.57
Incidental Expenses	14,129.35
Per Capita Grant to City Districts	56,692.12
Education Office	13,497.42
Total	\$268,656.46

The education office is indebted to the Department of Lands and Works for information showing the expenditure for the construction of new school houses, furniture, repairs and improvements to school property. This expenditure for the year was \$67,362.91.

The following shows the expenditure for construction, repair, etc., of school houses made by the Department of Lands and Works during the past five years:

1894-95	\$18,000.00
1895-96	20,000.00
1896-97	15,870.94
1897-98	42,408.89
1898-99	67,362.91
Total	\$323,642.74

The report of Inspector Netherby on the schools in Victoria and vicinity is flattering to the staffs. It is as follows:

Central Hill—Inspected, September 20th, 1899. Progress satisfactory. Order and discipline good.

Coalbrook—Inspected, December 20th, 1898, and March 2nd, 1899. Excellent work being done in this school. Order and discipline good.

Duncan—Inspected, August 17th, December 6th, 1898; February 28th, May 29th, 1899. Progress satisfactory. Order and discipline good.

Goldstream—Inspected, September 21st, 1898, and March 10th, 1899. Progress satisfactory. Order and discipline good.

Gordon Head—Inspected, September 20th, 1898, and January 9th, 1899. Progress satisfactory. Order and discipline good.

Method—Inspected, September 14th, 1898; March 7th, June 1st, 1899. Excellent work being done in this school. Order and discipline good.

Oak Bay—Inspected, September 15th, 1898; January 20th, May 16th, 1899. Progress satisfactory (probably irregular attendance injures the standing). Order and discipline good.

Rocky Point—Inspected, September 21st, 1898, and March 8th, 1899. Order good. Standing fair.

Saanich North—Inspected, October 10th, 1898, and March 13th, 1899. Subjects well taught. General management of classes satisfactory.

Saanich South—Inspected, October 11th, 1898, and March 14th, 1899. Progress satisfactory. Class standing good. Order and discipline good.

Saanich West—Inspected, October 11th, 1898, and March 14th, 1899. Classification good. Progress satisfactory. Order and discipline good.

Schulim—Inspected, August 16th, 1898, and May 5th, 1899. Progress satisfactory. Order and discipline good.

Shawangah—Inspected, August 15th, December 15th, 1898; March 2nd, 1899. Excellent work being done in this school. Order and discipline good.

Sooke—Inspected, September 20th, 1898, and March 9th, 1899. Progress fair. Order and discipline fair.

Sooke East—Inspected, September 20th, 1898, and March 9th, 1899. Progress fair. Order and discipline fair.

Strawberry Vale—Inspected, September 20th, 1898, and March 10th, 1899. Progress satisfactory. Order and discipline good.

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Lord Wolseley, commander-in-chief of the British army; Lord Roberts, commander-in-chief of the British army in South Africa, and Lord Kitchener, Roberts' chief-of-staff, are all Irishmen—and so was the Duke of Wellington.

His Worship the Mayor has received from the Lord Mayor of London an acknowledgment of the sum of £120, the second instalment from the citizens of Victoria to the Transvaal war fund. The receipt is extremely brief, is signed by Alfred J. Newton, Lord Mayor, and John Voce Moore, treasurer, and is ac-

avorable legislation to suit any particular class (whether miners or others); as against the interests of the whole people, and the fundamental principle of British law that the integrity of the soil is prior to the interests of any class, and indeed supporters of the war in South Africa claim that as the only original reason for war, The hon. member for Downham holds fast, however (and wisely), to the exclusion of aliens 'until such time as the Government of our southern neighbors give us equal rights. Southern rights would be, however, of little value now, as most of the United States mining territory is already taken up, and we would get no real good pro quo. As for the benefit of having experienced American miners, etc., experience is not such a great advantage as it once was. It is a little amusing to consider the possibility of

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**WEATHER BULLETIN.**

Daily Report furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Jan. 20, 5 a.m.—The high pressure area which has recently covered this province is giving place to a low pressure area, with a cold front approaching Vancouver Island. High winds prevail over Northern British Columbia, they will probably extend southward accompanied by sleet or rain. The weather has been fair over the Pacific slope, and frosts are reported from the lower Mainland and Sound districts. The temperature has fallen to zero at Winnipeg, though still above freezing in Alberta.

**Forecast.**

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Sunday.

Victoria and vicinity—Fresh, strong east winds increasing to gales off the Coast, unsettled, with rain.

Lower Mainland—Increasing easterly winds, sleet or rain.

**Report.**

Victoria—Barometer, 30.26; temperature, 42; minimum, 28; wind, 6 miles S. E.; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.30; temperature, 36; minimum, 26; wind, 10 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

Nanaimo—Wind, S. E.; weather, cloudy.

Kaplanis—Barometer, 30.15; temperature, 36; minimum, 24; wind, 12 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

Dartmouth—Barometer, 30.60; temperature, 23; minimum, 20; wind, 10 miles S. W.; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.10; temperature, 44; minimum, 44; wind, 10 miles N.; weather, cloudy.

## CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Give your friends Blue Ribbon Tea.

Have you seen the \$1 per dozen Printed Caps and Saucers at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 80 Douglas street?

Don't you often hear it said that advertising is a fine art? You require the truth neatly and plainly put. When you hear that "HONDI" Ceylon Tea is the best and purest on the market you have it.

Do not miss Savoy Matinee Saturday afternoon.

The regular monthly missionary meeting of the Epworth League of the Metropolitan Methodist church will be held on Monday evening, when a feature of the programme will be an address by a lady who has for many years labored in foreign mission fields.

The result of the Bishop of Columbia's examination has been announced, and the scholarship awarded to B. N. Johnson, of Victoria, and H. Phair, of Lillooet, coming a close second. The school reopened on January 22, with a roll of 34 day scholars and 22 boarders.

The tramway in connection with the Lenora mine, Mount Sicker, is expected to be in working order by the first of next month, when the company anticipates making a regular daily shipment of from 50 to 100 tons. Operations in the mine will be recommenced on Monday next.

The committee of twenty organized to aid the work in connection with the school for deaf and dumb pupils will hold their meeting in the school room, No. 2, A.O.U.W. Hall, on Tuesday evening next. The meeting was to have taken place last Wednesday, but owing to the counter attraction, the mass meeting at the Victoria Theatre, it was postponed.

Ladies send your husbands, brothers, fathers and sons to get bargains in hats at Geo. R. Jackson's, and stamps for you; \$3 to \$4 hats for \$1.50, to-day.

Among the approaching marriages which are announced in the Old Country papers is that between Commander Arthur Gough-Calthorpe, R.N., son of the late Hon. Somerset Gough-Calthorpe, of Woodlands, Yale, and Edith, daughter of the late Hon. Robert Dundas Muir and Mrs. Dundas, of Craigdarroch, Victoria, British Columbia. Commander Gough-Calthorpe was on this station with the Impetuous.

Making room for spring stock at Fit-Reform Wardrobe, 20 per cent. off all overcoats and Raincoats, this offer is only good till Monday, January 23.

A Nanaimo paper expresses the opinion that "the death of Mr. C. F. Jones, stenographer, which occurred at Victoria last Thursday, may necessitate the repetition of the bulk of the evidence in the water works arbitration, as it is unlikely that the notes made by the deceased." This is erroneous as the notes are now being rapidly transcribed by his brother, A. M. Jones, and will soon be completed.

A number of those who attended the last successful dance of the Entre Nous Social Club held a meeting yesterday and formed themselves into an organization to be known as the H. P., the following officers and committee being elected: President, J. Stewart; Treasurer, A. G. Sargent; General Committee, G. H. Seelie, W. M. Dean, J. H. Greer, W. A. Rummell, S. E. J. Chas. Gardner, Herbert Kent, S. P. Moody and W. H. Bone, the president and secretary being included. It was decided to give a return dance in the A.O.U.W. Hall on January 31st.

Trading stamps on \$3 and \$4 hats at \$1.50 at Geo. R. Jackson's, to-day.

January sale 20 per cent. discount. Stevens & Jenkins, 84 Douglas street.

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The members of the Arctic Brotherhood in this and neighboring cities hold a banquet at Hotel Dallas to-night.

Four samples of 1900 Crawford Bicycles can be seen at O'Leary & Plimley's, Broad street, and they are beautiful.

Tree Pruners, Pruning Knives, Hedge Trimmers and Garden Tools, cheap for cash, at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 80 Douglas street.

At a recent meeting of the call members of the Victoria fire department it was decided to address a memorial to the city council, asking for an increase in salary.

A meeting of the bricklayers of the city will be held at Sir William Wallace Hall to-night at 8 o'clock for the purpose of organizing a union. Every bricklayer in the city is invited to be present.

The members of the Oaklands fire brigade held an enjoyable social dance in their hall last evening. A large number were in attendance, and everybody contributed materially to the successful nature of the gathering.

In order that the committee may deal thoroughly with the arrangements, the members of the Arion Club and Choral Union are requested to bring to practice on Saturday evening a list of the number of tickets sold.

Dr. Lewis Hall, chairman of the Board of School Trustees, has given notice that he will move, at their next regular meeting, that no advance in salary be made to those teachers whose certificates do not meet the necessary requirements.

The name of Mr. J. Gerkard Tarks was recently substituted for that of Mr. James Baker as contractor for the Williams block, Yates street, Mr. Tarks being the architect. The tearing down of the structure to allow for the erection of the new building marks the removal of another of the old landmarks, which there are very few remaining in the business heart of the city.

Grand Matinee, Savoy, Saturday, 2:30 p.m.

The Equimall train cars will run a twenty-minute service during the repairing of the Rock Bay bridge, leaving Yates street on the hour, twenty minutes and forty minutes past the hour, and leaving Equimall five minutes, twenty and forty-five minutes past the hour. The primary reason for this change is that during the repairing of the bridge it is found impossible to continue the fifteen-minute service owing to the delay in transfers.

A very enjoyable social was held at the Colwood Presbyterian church last evening, the church being decorated for the occasion. A bus left the city at 7 o'clock, arriving at Colwood at 8:30. The church was well filled with visitors from Metchoin, Sooke, Rocky Point and the nearby districts. Immediately on the arrival of the Victoria party, Rev. W. L. Clay took the chair, and a lengthy programme was well carried out, after which refreshments were served and the visitors left for home. Among those who took part were Miss Brown, Miss Duke, Mrs. Hayward, Mrs. Demers, and Messrs. Little, Ash, Hayward, Wolfe and others.

Clean, cold cash—a discount of 20 per cent. on all cash sales of over one dollar until January 31st in all lines of clothing, men's furnishings, hats etc., at Reid's winter clearance sale, 122 Government street.

Sparkling with smiles and metaphors beautifully sustained throughout, Sidney Grundy's drama "Sowing the Wind," presented last evening by a most capable company, under the management of Julius Cohn. This was not the first time that this play has held the boards at the Victoria, and perhaps for that specific reason the house was crowded by an audience which could not repress its enthusiasm. The drama is an old story, the argument of the play was published in these columns last evening. The bright particular stars in the performance were Charles M. Collins and Maude Edna Hall, as Mr. Brabazon and Rosemond respectively, each at times particularly in the third act, displaying marked histrionic ability. As Mr. Watkin, the bachelor friend of Mr. Brabazon, W. H. Turner was most satisfactory, while Frank Ritchie as New Annesley made the utmost of a part which did not allow him but a limited scope. The other characters of the drama were admirably sustained, and judging from the marked punctuations of applause throughout "Sowing the Wind" will always occupy a warm place in the hearts of Victoria theatre patrons.

There is not a Scotchman the world over whose heart does not beat faster at the thought of an hour or two with the songs of his country, and especially is this the case when it is a Burns anniversary. For the past twelve years Mr. J. G. Brown, with his well-trained choir, has been providing a treat to all lovers of Scotch music, and they are not confined to the Scot. Next Friday evening in the hall of the First Presbyterian church, Blanchard street, the choir of that church will hold their Burns anniversary concert. Mr. Brown will be assisted on this occasion by the following ladies and gentlemen: Mrs. Gregson, Miss Arson, Miss Fraser, Miss Wilson, Miss (Lottie) Baker, Mr. W. Allan ("Oor Willie"), Mr. J. Brooks (violinist), selections by the choir, quartettes, mixed and male, and several selections by Mr. J. G. Brown. The song and the grave, the humorous and patriotic will receive due prominence in the programme, and although previous concerts will be held to beat the coming one, it will be found to equal, if not surpass, anything ever given before. The audience at the Burns concert are only limited by the capacity of the hall. Tickets can be secured from members of the choir and at some of the principal stores.

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AGENTS.

250 DOUGLAS STREET.

Messrs. Onions & Plimley have opened a branch establishment of General Hardware and Cooking utensils next door to their Bicycle store on Broad street, and are selling at the lowest cash prices. Give us a trial.

Alid J. Stuart Yates has given notice that at the next regular meeting of the council he will move that no employee of the corporation of the city of Victoria shall be permitted to receive from the B. C. Electric Railway Company a free pass or permit to travel on their lines, but the corporation shall provide, at its own expense, passes to travel over the said company's lines for the superintendent of electric light, the sanitary officer and plumbing inspector, the building inspector and chief of the fire department.

Among those registered at the Dominion is Mr. Percy D. Whitehead, who has been for many years identified with several enterprises in the North. Mr. Whitehead intends establishing a monthly magazine under the name of "The Alaskan Magazine and Canadian Yukon," which will contain information relating principally to mining carried on in Alaska, and the Canadian Yukon. Another feature of the publication will be the illustration of Alaskan scenery and mining camp life, while a special department will be devoted to the agricultural interests of British Columbia. Prof. Edward S. Mosney, of the University of Washington, and Miss A. P. Henderson, of Tacoma, will act as editors. The first number will be published in Tacoma, early in February.

To-night, in Temperance hall, the ladies will hold the first of their "ladies' night" with the Saturday evening concert committee. A splendid programme of songs, recitations, readings and instrumental selections will be given by the following ladies: Mrs. Giffen, Mrs. Clyde, Misses Russell, Kettler, Scowcroft, Brash, Wilson, Fraser, McEwen, Wilmut, Wolff and Munroe. Miss A. D. Cameron in the chair, and Miss Galt of the Salvation Army will address the audience in a short speech. The programme is varied and interesting, and should prove very attractive to any who attend. Concert begins at 8:15 p.m., and as a large crowd is expected, those who intend being present should go early. An impression is prevalent that ladies only are expected to attend. Such is not the case. The ladies in charge will welcome the gentlemen too. Doors open 7:30; concert at 8:15 p.m.

In the police court this morning, John, a West Coast Indian, was fined \$5 and \$1 costs for drunkenness. John was gathered in by Detective Palmer just after he had fallen through a window on Cormorant street. A Chinaman named Ah Jim was charged with stealing two cans of coal oil from Turner, Beeton & Co. Jim, it appears, was not alone in the transaction, for he and another of his countrymen were arrested by Night Watchman Thompson this morning while disappearing with the spoils; but Jim's companion, by dealing the watchman a vicious blow on the arm, managed to escape. The case was remanded until Monday. The case against John Day and Arthur Beattie of assaulting and attempting to rob Mr. Meiss was resumed this morning and ultimately remanded until Monday. Mr. W. Morisy has been retained for the prosecution and Mr. Geo. Powell for the defence. The case of Samuel Goodwin, charged with supplying intoxicants to Indians, was again called, the authorities not having been successful in securing Goodwin's admission into the Old Men's Home. He was remanded until January 24th.

An Old Newspaper Man

SAYS ABOUT

GRAPE-NUTS

Arthur M. Hull, manager of the St. Paul Globe, thinks advertisements are written to inform other people about food and its value, but are not intended for newspaper men themselves, and yet all men, newspaper men require good nourishing food to rebuild the brain and nerve centres. (They will agree that this is not a joke.)

Mr. Hull says: "I wish to give you an unsolicited testimonial for Grape-Nuts. I have used your Postum Cereal for about two years. I have seen your advertising for Grape-Nuts in the Globe as well as other papers, and have appreciated it from an advertising standpoint, but some way I never bought any until about a week ago. Since then I have practically lived on it. I think it is without exception, the finest preparation of any food product that it has been my good fortune to taste, and my enthusiasm prompts me to write this note. Wishing you all kinds of success."

## SHIPPING NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF A DAY ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

Steamer Monmouthshire, which since Thursday night has been detained at the quarantine station at Williams Head, because of the presence of a case of smallpox on board, has been released and is bound towards this port via Yokohama when the accident occurred. Assistance was sent to her, and according to cables received from Nagasaki, the prospects are good that she will be raised after her cargo is discharged. Her forehold is said to have filled with water, and in some quantity of her cargo has in consequence been damaged.

News has been received here of the sinking of the steamer Energia of the Northern Pacific line in Obel channel, in the inland sea of Japan. The steamer was bound towards this port via Yokohama when the accident occurred. Assistance was sent to her, and according to cables received from Nagasaki, the prospects are good that she will be raised after her cargo is discharged. Her forehold is said to have filled with water, and in some quantity of her cargo has in consequence been damaged.

Tenders are being called for by the Cutbush-Brown Company for the schooner Hera and cargo as now lying submerged in Claydon harbor. The wreck was sold by auction some two weeks ago under instructions from A. R. Milne, receiver of wrecks, but the purchaser's mining interests requiring all his attention he now wishes to dispose of her.

Alex. M. Hinchliffe, extra second officer of the R. M. S. Empress of Japan, is now on his way to London. Soon after the arrival of the liner he was informed by cable of the illness of his mother, and he left at once by the East bound express. He expects to catch the Eurymia at New York and to be in London two weeks after leaving the Coast.

Steamer Golden Gate has just reached the Sound after a perilous trip. She broke her connecting rod to her shaft on December 29th, when about 60 miles off Variank. Her master endeavored to sail her to a port, but was unable to make any headway and the vessel was driven out into the ocean. She was then headed for Cape Flattery and made Neah Bay under sail.

That shipping has not deteriorated in value on the coast is shown from the fact that a sixteenth interest in the barkentine Charles F. Crocker, now bound from the Sound to Canton, was sold by auction at San Francisco for \$24,000, at which rate the 72 ton vessel is valued at \$38,400, and she is nine years old.

The troubles of the schooner Muriel, which was driven clear across the Pacific from Kobe, Japan, is being held by her charterers at San Francisco to the terms of the charter, whereby the vessel will have to sail back to Hakodate, Japan, to load sulphur for San Francisco.

Steamers City of Seattle and the fishing steamer Edith and Thistle are over the coast from the north. The Thistle is two days late, and the Thistle should have arrived two days ago. It is thought they have been detained by the heavy storms encountered of late in the north.

President Hill of the Great Northern Railway is quoted as saying that in less than five years his company will have no less than 25 liners plying to the Orient. He has now given contracts for the building of eight large vessels.

Barke Guy C. Goss and Altcar are loading at Burrard Inlet, the former at Hastings, and the latter at Moodyville, and are expected to sail in a day or so. The Guy C. Goss is bound to Philadelphia and the Altcar to Calico.

A telegram from Nagasaki, gives the news that the steamer Energia, from this port, was ashore on Monday in Obel channel. Her forehold was full of water. Messages had been sent to Nagasaki asking for assistance.

An accident occurred yesterday at the Moran ship yards, Seattle. A staging collapsed, killing John Gillies and seriously injuring John A. McKinnon.

Barke Coryphene will probably get away from the quarantine station this afternoon and proceed to Oyster Bay to load coal for the islands.

Steamer Kinshu Maru is to be repaired at Yokohama. She will not sail for this port until February 10th.

Ship Oriental has been chartered to load coal at Oyster Bay for San Francisco by George Frich.

Steamer Charnier left Vancouver at 1:10 p.m., and connected with the train from the East.

Steamer Cottage City is due from the North, to-morrow and the Tees on Monday.

Steamer Queen City will sail for the West Coast this evening.

The members of Sir William Wallace Society heartily enjoyed themselves at their meeting last night, when the following excellent programme was rendered in an enjoyable manner: Bagpipe selection, Mr. Robertson; piano solo, Mr. Gilie; recitations, Chief W. C. Kerr and Mr. William Kelly; solo, Mr. W. McCormack. A feature of the evening was the presentation to the society by Mr. J. C. Darling of a large short cake, almost three feet in diameter, which was heartily received by the members. The programme was brought to a conclusion with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

In the report of the list of those teachers applying to the school board for an increase in salary, Miss Keast's name was inserted through a misapprehension. No application in this respect has been received by the board from Miss Keast.

## Personal.

J. G. Goss, of Portland, is at the Driford.

Mrs. Long and son, of San Francisco, is at the Driford.

W. F. Fortier, of Toronto, is registered at the Driford.

D. K. McLaughlin, of Vancouver, is a guest at the Victoria.

Mrs. Frank Verrier, of Shewanigan Lake, is registered at the Dominion.

Charles P. Miller, commercial man of San Francisco, is a guest at the Driford.

R. T. Winkoop, of the Night Directory Company, Toronto, is at the Dominion.

G. H. MacNeill, a prominent barrister of Roseland, is registered at the Driford.

J. S. Gibson, P. A. Hony and Geo. M. Rice, of Seattle, are registered at the Victoria.

Alfred Taylor, of Goldstream, went East on last night's Charnier to dispose of some of his patients.

F. H. Whiting, formerly manager of the White Pass & Yukon Railway Company, is at the Dominion.

J. A. Seward, T. W. Patterson and R. Collier were among the returning Victorians on last night's Charnier.

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NEW YORK STOCKS.

(Furnished by Ben. Williams & Co., Brokers, Phone 661.)

New York, Jan. 20.—The following quotation ruled on the Stock Exchange:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Am. Sugar	117 1/2	118 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2
C. R. & C.	122 1/2	123 1/2	122 1/2	122 1/2
C. M. & St. P.	118 1/2	119 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2
Manhattan	93 1/2	94 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2
People's Gas	104	104 1/2	104	104 1/2
C. R. I. & P.	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
Am. Tobacco	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
Atchafalca	61 1/2	61 1/2	61	61
C. P. pfd.	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2
Tenn. Coal	86	86	85 1/2	85 1/2
Atchafalca com.	19 1/2	20	19 1/2	19 1/2
L. & N.	81	81 1/2	81	81
R. R. T.	71	71 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2
U. P. com.	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2
A. S. & W. com.	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2
Fed. Steel com.	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2

Money loaning at 2 1/2 per cent.

Chicago Markets.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—The following quotations ruled on the Board of Trade:

Wheat	68
Corn	33 1/2
Pork	108 1/2
Liverpool Wheat	56 3/4

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

(Furnished by Messrs. J. F. Foulkes & Co., stock brokers, 88 Fort street, Victoria, B. C.)

	Asked.	Bid.
Hammond Reef	16	12
Golden Star	31	28
Oliver	73	70 1/2
Slocan Sovereign	35	31
Ballion	45	41
Cariboo (Camp McKinnon)	100	72
Metemeha	14	13
Wapato	12	9 1/2
Pontoon	12 1/2	9
Centre Star	151	148
Cariboo Hydraulic	100	100
California	12 1/2	11
Old Ironsides	23	21
Knob Hill	83	77
Brands & Golden Crown	28	23
Winnipeg	28	24
King	25	25
Athabasca	33 1/2	30
Dundee	16	11 1/2
Dardanelles	19	7 1/2
Noble Five	11	10
Payson	106	105
Lone Pine	17	15 1/2
Virrite	10	9 1/2
Robbie Cariboo Co.	55	52
Crow's Nest Pass Coal	20 1/2	20 1/2
Refrigerator	101	100 1/2
Deer Trail No. 2	128 1/2	118
Bonanza	10	9
Iron Mask	60	50
War Eagle Co.	232	245
Montreal & London	30	34
North Star	110	105
Br. Pac. Gold Frac. Co.	10	10
Mountain Lion	102	95

At the last regular meeting of the Committee of the Forest the following officers were duly installed: Worthy Chief Companion, Mrs. C. Hawley; sub-chief, Mrs. Cox; financial secretary, Miss Smith; treasurer, Mrs. M. Churton; R. guide, Mrs. Noble; L. guide, Miss Smith; L. guard, Mrs. Davies; O. guard, Miss Willie. It was proposed that the Committee hold one of their series of social dances in the near future.

## National Cash Registers

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## Railroad Matters

City Council Hold a Conference With Sponsors of Another Company.

The Legislative Committee Submit a Long List of Recommendations.

For almost two hours last night the city council endeavored to secure from the sponsors of the last proposal regarding the Victoria & Chilliwack railroad the details of their offer and the authors of the same. The attempt signally failed, for while Messrs. Potts and MacGregor were willing to vouch personally for the bona fide nature of the proposal, they flatly declined to disclose the identity of their principals. The meeting broke up without any progress being made with the exception that it provoked one more advantageous proposal from Mr. Renout on behalf of another company upon the basis of the offer made by Mr. Potts's syndicate.

All the members of the council were present in addition to the champions of the two schemes which are now before the council.

Immediately after assembling the council adjourned for the purpose of holding a conference with the promoters.

Mr. Potts said he was not prepared to say what the details of the proposal were, excepting that the scheme was bona fide. They were going into the matter seriously, and did not want to tie the council's hands. All they wanted was for the city not to be hampered by any previous arrangements when they came to deal with them.

Ald. Yates—Delays may be of such a nature as to prevent any action being taken by the city, in any way or the other. Now the board of aldermen are anxious that something be done soon. Would your clients be favorable to letting the city go ahead with it, and then if they decide to take it up, dealing with them on that basis?

Ex-Ald. MacGregor said they were all laboring to secure the cheapest and best scheme for Victoria with the smallest liability possible for the city to incur. By the original scheme the city practically fathered the scheme, and there was no telling where the liability would end. His company, on the other hand, was prepared to assume all liability and responsibility for a stated amount. They would take up the project, carry it to a successful issue, and operate the road.

A proposition based on a definite liability would pass the ratemakers quicker than any other. All the company asked was that the present arrangements be held in abeyance for thirty days, at the expiration of which time they would be ready to assume the scheme or to say they were not.

As regards the delay in getting a charter, the company was prepared to pay the expense incurred in the initial steps of getting a charter. All they asked was that a stage where it would interfere with his company's proposal.

Ald. Yates—Is this delay asked for solely for the benefit of the city?

Mr. MacGregor—They want to secure some information which they now have not. At present they do not wish to appear openly in the matter, but they are ready to take the matter up.

Mr. MacGregor—There can be no doubt of that at all.

Ald. Beckwith expressed himself as disappointed with Mr. MacGregor's statement. He didn't think that the statement made would warrant the council in delaying matters. He had gathered from a conversation with Mr. MacGregor that he would be prepared to give the names of the promoters at this meeting.

Mr. MacGregor—You are mistaken. I didn't tell you that at all.

Mr. Potts—Where would be the prejudice to the present scheme by delaying the matter come in?

In reply to this it was pointed out that the legislature would have risen before the charter could be secured.

Mr. Belyea said that if the city didn't pass the by-law there was no use of incurring the expense of getting a charter. He pointed out that even at the expiration of thirty days, if the company didn't take the matter up it would require twenty days more to complete the by-law, and by that time the legislature in all probability would have risen. If delay was granted they would get no charter this year.

Ald. Cooley favored Mr. Potts's suggestion. The ratemakers would vote down the original by-law pretty quick. In Mr. Potts's scheme they knew how much they had to pay.

Ald. Beckwith—So they do in the other case.

Mr. Belyea observed that the impression had been given by some of the late aldermen that the promoters of the original scheme were going to get something out of it. On the contrary, private citizens at their own expense had gone to the work of getting information on the subject, expecting, of course, that if the road went into other hands their money would be refunded them.

Ald. Williams thought the city should get the charter and then turn it over to the company that had the best scheme.

Ald. Beckwith—If the by-law was defeated the charter would be useless.

Mr. Belyea said that in the case of the original scheme, the city would have a definite liability of \$500,000, while by the new one they had to pay \$800,000, nearly twice that amount.

Ald. Yates—Mr. MacGregor, are you satisfied that this is a better scheme than the original one?

Mr. MacGregor—I think it is.

Ald. Yates—That is from information in your possession that you have not given the council?

Mr. MacGregor—Yes.

Ald. Yates—Then you ask the council to accept blindly what you have in your power to enlighten them on it.

Mr. Renout—Is the company a local or

foreign one, or are a majority of the members of one or the other class?

Mr. Potts—My instructions would prevent me disclosing that.

Mr. Mayor—Can you give us an assurance that this is not done simply for the effect of killing the original scheme?

Mr. Potts—Certainly.

Mr. Renout asked if it was to be a tramway or a railway.

He was assured that it would be a bona fide railway. Mr. Potts said he could bring a letter from the manager of a local chartered bank vouching for the financial ability of the promoters.

Ald. Yates said that the company would issue debentures guaranteed four per cent. by the city, and his experience was that where interest was guaranteed, the contractor managed to avoid payment.

Mr. Belyea said the provision as laid down in the letter was that the city pay the interest whether the road paid or not. The company merely wanted to take the profit out of the road, while at the same time they asked the city to guarantee the interest.

It was pointed out by Messrs. Belyea and Yates that guaranteeing the interest meant that the city pay the interest whether the road pay one hundred per cent. profit or not.

Mr. Potts held that such an inference should not be gathered from the letter. When an agreement came to be drawn up he could assure them they would consent to a provision being inserted relieving the council of the payment of interest if the line was paying.

Ald. Stewart asked if the road would be an independent line.

Ald. Yates said that while Mr. Potts would not definitely divulge the names of his principals, yet he might give some negative information. Would he say that the C. P. R. was not at the back of the scheme?

Mr. Potts—I will neither in a negative or in any other way divulge the names of my principals. I am surprised that you should ask me.

Ald. Brydon said that the information was extremely vague, and the council had nothing before them beyond what was contained in the letter.

Mr. Potts in reply to a question said his company would come forward with a proposal even if the council went on with the original scheme.

Mr. Renout asked whether the council would favor a scheme similar to the original one, or one such as Mr. Potts proposed? If the council would indicate which they preferred he would have something to say.

Ald. Yates urged that no time be lost.

He was opposed to playing one company against the other, and between the two coming to the ground.

Mr. Renout said that he was authorized to state that if the council were disposed to a million dollar bonus that a gentleman who was in touch with financial men on both sides of the line would be ready in two weeks. The company would be composed of Victoria merchants and distinctly a Victoria concern. (Applause.) This gentleman would appear before them on Monday evening if the council would express themselves as willing to deal on this basis.

Ald. Stewart said a man had told him that he could get a company to take over the matter in six days.

The delegation then withdrew, and upon the council re-assembling Ald. Yates thought no reply should be made to the communication until Monday night, when Mr. Renout's offer would be received. Action was therefore deferred until next Monday.

The legislative committee's report was then taken up and adopted clause by clause as follows:

Gentlemen: Your legislative committee, having considered the undersigned subjects, beg to report and recommend as follows:

Re the Municipal Clauses Act and amending acts:

The provincial government be requested to cause the "Municipal Clauses Act" to be amended as follows:

**Vacant Lots.**

Sec. 50, Sub-Sec. 115.—Amend sub-section 115 of section 50 of the "Municipal Clauses Act" by making every vacant lot fronting on a sewer liable to the payment of a sum not exceeding the minimum sewer rental levied on buildings in the same street.

Your committee are of opinion that this proposed amendment should be dispensed with, and as an alternative course the assessor should be instructed to add to the assessments of all lots fronting on a sewer the increased value derived by such lots by reason of the proximity or contiguity of such sewer thereto.

**Street Sprinkling.**

Sec. 50, Sub-Sec. 170.—Add a new sub-section, to be numbered 170, to section 50 of the "Municipal Clauses Act" giving municipalities power to pass by-laws:

For imposing a special rate not exceeding three cents per foot frontage per month upon the occupiers of all stores and premises of every kind fronting upon any street within the municipality, for

the purpose of defraying the cost of watering such streets, the council to be at liberty to make any such rate payable by monthly payments of instalments, and payable whether or not any such watering shall in the opinion of the council be rendered unnecessary by wet weather, and the council shall be at liberty to add any amount to the said cost of such watering not exceeding ten per cent. of such cost, and to allow or deduct such amount from all payments that shall be made to the city treasurer or collector or other person to be named in such by-law within seven days of the day when such payments respectively shall become payable.

—Municipal Act.

The "Municipal Clauses Act, 1888." Amend sections 7 and 14 by making every sale of real property include the costs of obtaining the title of the purchase thereto, including the cost of obtaining the judge's order confirming the sale, in addition to the "contingent expenses of the sale."

"Municipal Elections Act."

That section 14 of the "Municipal Elections Act" be amended by striking out the following words in the third line, namely, "divided into separate columns with headings," and substituting after the word "tabular" and before the word "under" in the fourth line the words "in a separate column."

Note—If the section were so amended the voters' lists hereafter prepared would contain all the information given in the lists prepared under the section as it now stands, but the cost of printing would be reduced fifty per cent.

**Trade Licenses.**

Sec. 171.—Strike out sub-sections 10 and 11 of section 171 of the "Municipal Clauses Act," and substitute as a new sub-section to section 50 of said act the following:

Sub-Sec. 171.—For imposing a license fee upon all persons carrying on the business of a merchant or trader whether by wholesale or retail, the amount of such license fee to be based upon the retail value of the premises occupied by such merchant or trader for the purposes of such business.

**Local Improvements.**

Sec. 245.—Amend sub-section 17 of section 245 of the "Municipal Clauses Act" by giving power to the council to raise the city's share of any improvement together with the balance of the cost of such improvement upon debentures to be secured by special rates upon the property benefited by such work. The by-law for such purpose does not require the assent of the ratemakers.

**Voting on By-laws.**

Sec. 70.—Amend section 70 of the "Municipal Clauses Act" by striking out all words after the word "last" in the third line thereof and substituting the words "a majority representing three-fifths of the votes polled."

**Re Dr. Fraser's Complaint.**

Referring to the letter of Dr. Fraser to the mayor and aldermen respecting the unsanitary condition of Chinatown, which has been referred to us, your committee has the honor to report as follows:

That whereas the condition of the Chinese quarter and other dwelling houses in the occupation of Chinese, Japanese and Indians appears to your committee to be unsanitary and a menace to the health of the community; and in view of the presence of infectious diseases at ports which trade with the port of Victoria, it is in the interests of the city that all necessary precautions be taken to avoid the outbreak and spread of any such diseases, and your committee respectfully recommends as follows:

That the legislative assembly of the province be requested by the municipal council to pass during the present session and at as early a date as possible, an act enabling the medical health officer of the city and other officials whom he may designate to make a thorough inspection of all premises occupied by Chinese, Indians and Japanese in the city of Victoria; and if in the opinion of such health officer any dwelling house or premises are in a condition that requires the same to be pulled down, or the condition thereof otherwise improved or remedied, that such officer shall be at liberty to carry out such pulling down or improvements upon giving five days' notice in a newspaper circulating in the municipality of his intention so to do; and that upon the expiration of such notice the said health officer shall be at liberty to further notice or to proceed on the part of the owner or occupier, and that the costs thereof may be charged against the owner, or in default thereof, against the premises so pulled down or improved; and that the council be empowered to pay such remuneration to the medical health officer for his extra services in connection with the above work as they in their discretion think fit. And that in the meantime all laws, by-laws and regulations so far as they may affect the said premises or be repugnant to the powers above given may be suspended and set aside.

The first section relating to vacant lots not requiring legislative action does not constitute a part of the legislative committee's report.

After the adoption of the clauses above, Ald. Yates introduced the following, which he moved be added to the report:

**Hotel Licenses.**

To add a section to the "Municipal Clauses Act" after section 191, to be numbered 191A, as follows:

191A.—Notwithstanding anything contained in this act, any applicant for a license to sell wines, spirits, beer or other fermented or intoxicating liquor in any hotel, or building intended for an hotel, containing not less than thirty rooms actually furnished and used or to be used for hotel purposes, shall not be required to obtain a petition or requisition signed by lot owners or householders or the wives of either, for the granting of such license; but application for such license shall be made direct to the board of licensing commissioners, not less than thirty days before the sitting of the said board through the clerk of the said board; notice of such application shall be published in some newspaper circulating where such application is made, and posted up in a conspicuous place upon the outside of the premises sought to be licensed in such manner as to be readily perceived by the public, for the space of at least thirty days before the sitting of said

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—Municipal Act.

The "Municipal Clauses Act, 1888." Amend sections 7 and 14 by making every sale of real property include the costs of obtaining the title of the purchase thereto, including the cost of obtaining the judge's order confirming the sale, in addition to the "contingent expenses of the sale."

"Municipal Elections Act."

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Note—If the section were so amended the voters' lists hereafter prepared would contain all the information given in the lists prepared under the section as it now stands, but the cost of printing would be reduced fifty per cent.

**Trade Licenses.**

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**Local Improvements.**

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